**Welcome**

Welcome to the official website of the Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation.

My name is Salt and I am the Chief Errand Girl of the Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation also known as the Sholly Smile Factory. Thank you so much for stopping by today. It is my hope that you will find your time here engaging and inspiring.

**Who Are We?**

The Shola Adefolalu Gaska Foundation also known as the Sholly Smile Factory is a nonprofit organisation set up to bring smiles to the faces of people in need (especially women and children) by providing financial, emotional and spiritual support.

**What We Do**

The Sholly Food Care Packages

Since September 2020, we have been giving out Sholly COVID-19 Care packages to vulnerable families in need every month. In each package, each family gets bags of rice, beans, garri and vegetable oil. To date, close to 400 families have benefited from this initiative.

The Sholly Serenity Place

On June 12, 2021, The Foundation opened the doors to its Shelter: The Sholly Serenity Place aka Sholly’s Safe Home. It is a ten-bed Jesus Christ-Centric Safe Haven and an Oasis of Serenity for survivors of domestic abuse and their children. Our WHY is to provide safe, temporary accommodation for our residents while they receive counselling and legal advice from Lagos State’s Domestic and Sexual Violence Agency (DSVA) or the NGO/ Church handling their cases. We believe that knowing that she will have a safe place to lay her head will facilitate a quicker and smoother transition from despair to hope as she works with her Counsellor and/or Lawyer. This will, in turn, hasten her readiness to take the needed next steps towards her future. Guests referred to us are accommodated, fed and cared for totally free of cost. Our core values are Care, Compassion, Honesty and Respect for People.

The Adefolalu Love is A Verb Initiative

In May 2024, to honour the memories of my parents and other members of my family that have passed on, we launched the Adefolalu Love is A Verb initiative. This social safety-net provides a N25,000 monthly allowance to extremely economically vulnerable women from Lagos, Ekiti, Akwa-Ibom, Cross- Rivers, Bayelsa, and Oyo states. Our hope is to have reached families across Nigeria come Q4 2026 or sooner.

**Why We Do What We Do**

The Sholly Smile Factory was birthed from a place of deep pain. The loss of my dear sister – Oluwashola Adefolalu Gaskain Poland back in 2016. Everything we do is in her honour. Till today, we do not know what REALLY happened to her but from all we do know, we believe she was a victim of some form of domestic abuse. Losing Sholly has been the MOST painful thing that has ever happened to me but I bless God for helping me to find a way to bring purpose out of this deep pain. By helping others, I am finding healing. Thanks to the errands God is sending us, Sholly is no longer remembered for the horrible story of her death because we are creating a new, beautiful story from her death. One that touches lives. One that re-creates smiles, like the ones Sholly was famous for.

For more photos, and to stay abreast of our activities, please follow us on social media:

* The Sholly Smile Factory on Instagram
* The Sholly Serenity Place on Instagram
* [Remembering Mrs. Gaska, My AburoChild on Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/SaltDivineEN/)
* [Buy “Oluwashola, the Story of Us” on Amazon](https://www.amazon.com/Oluwashola-Story-Us-Salt-Essien-Nelson/dp/1637676697)
* [Partner with Us via our Global Giving Page](https://www.globalgiving.org/projects/feeding-dv-survivors-in-shelter-in-lagos-nigeria/)
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